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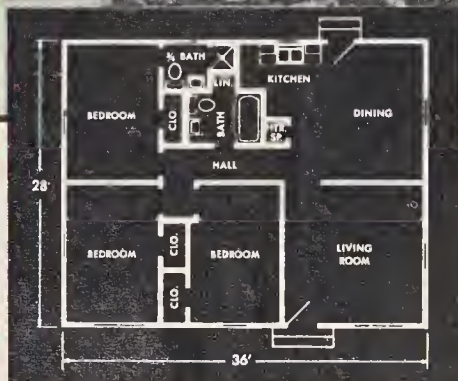
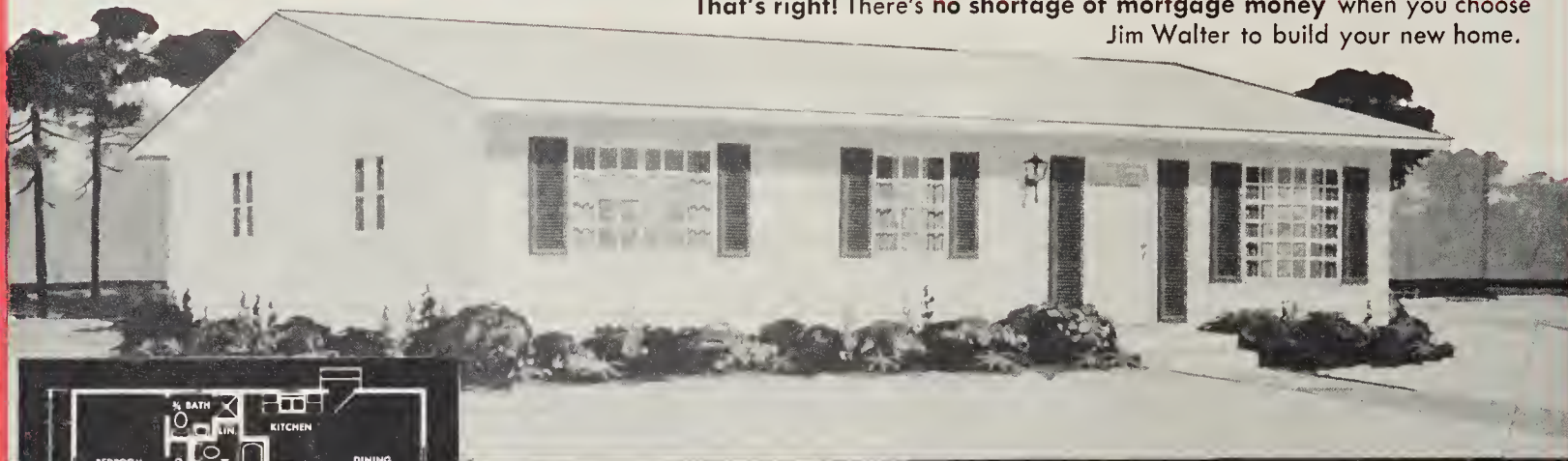


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COVER—President Johnson welcoming electric teens to the White House. The photo was made during the 1967 National Rural Electric Youth Tour. Twenty-one young North Carolinians made the 1967 trip to Washington. There'll be another Youth Tour this year and a story on page 6 tells how boys and girls of high school age can find who gets to go and how.

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## Let the Buyer Beware

Once when socks were sized to fit the foot, a man could wear hosiery and still wiggle his toes.

He can't anymore. A masterpiece of mass produced ingenuity called the stretch sock has squeezed the familiar sizes into small, medium and large, and the average American male now toes the line for progress.

Progress is what such inventiveness is supposed to represent. Progress it may be. But there may be more than mere coincidence in the fact that it is an inventiveness which seems to serve commerce more than it benefits consumers.

In the case of socks, innovation has simplified manufacturing and merchandising problems by eliminating sizes. All goes well until the socks are washed. The stretch then becomes the bind and toes are tortured more each time the socks come from the clothesline . . . oops, pardon, the dryer.

So it is also with nearly everything from automobiles to electronic products to margarine.

The big thing now in automobiles is unitized construction. It reduces manufacturing costs by substituting automatic welding for the more expensive nut and bolt assembly. It results, if so much as a fender is dented, in much more expensive repairs.

In the electronic orbit, the new way is printed circuits. They cut production costs, but they produce complexities when the works must be repaired.

What has happened with margarine shows how the giant economy package can be less economical than the smaller family size, or how 16 ounces can be made to add up to something more than a pound. Until recently a pound package of margarine contained four four-ounce sticks. Now some of them are containing six. There still are only 16 ounces in the package but, by a bit of applied sales psychology, the shopper is made to think she's getting a bonus.

There used to be an expression that what is new is "a change for the better." Progress makes an even older expression apply.

"Caveat emptor," the wily Romans warned. In 1968, the Latin translates with ageless aptness. "Let the buyer beware."

A North Carolina Consumers Council is now being formed to act for the buying public. It will be your agent in the market place. Give it your support.

*Jim Chaney*



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<b>FLOWERING SHRUBS — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Crape Myrtle Red, Purple, Pink, or White, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Weigela Red, Yellow, White, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Weigela Variegated or Pink, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
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Tamex Pink Flowers, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Bush Honeysuckle-Red or Pink, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Red Flowering Quince, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Persian Lilac-Purple, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Old Fashion Lilac, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Bridal Wreath Spirea, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Hydrangea P.G., 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Oakleaf Hydrangea, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Deutzia White, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Mockorange-White, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Sweet Shrub, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Rose of Sharon-Mixed Colors, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Red Ozier Dogwood, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Pussy Willow, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Russian Olive, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Red Barberry, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Japanese Snowball, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Snowberry-Red or White, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Spirea Anthony Waterer, Red, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
French Lilac Red White, Purple, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Scotch Broom, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Hypericum-Yellow Collected, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Spice Bush, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Butterfly Bush-Purple, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Vitex, Purple, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Green Barberry, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Azalea-Red, White, or Pink, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Rose Acacia-Pink, Collected, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Red or Black Chokeberry, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Hydrangea Arborescens, Collected, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Spirea Thunbergi, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Winter Honeysuckle, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Arrowwood Viburnum, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Beauty Berry, Collected, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
<b>FLOWERING TREES — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Magnolia Grandiflora, 1/2-1 ft. ....					
Magnolia Niagara, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Magnolia Rustica Rubra, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Mimosa Pink, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
American Red Bud, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
White Flow Dogwood, 2-3 ft. ....					
Pink Flowering Dogwood 2 ft. ....					
Golden Chain Tree, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Golden Rain Tree 1-2 ft. ....					
Smoke Tree, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Purple Leaf Plum, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Flow. Peach-Red, Pink or White, 2 1/2 to 4 ft. ....					
Double Pink Flowering Cherry, 3 1/2 to 5 ft. ....					
Flowering Crab Red or Pink, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Flowering Crab Red or Pink, 4 1/2 to 6 ft. ....					
Chinese Red Bud, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Tree of Heaven, Collected, 3 to 5 ft. ....					
Dwarf Red Buckeye, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Magnolia Soulangiana, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Red or Pink Weeping Peach, 2 1/2 to 4 ft. ....					
Red Leaf Peach, 2 1/2 to 4 ft. ....					
White Fringe, Collected, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Japanese Flow. Cherry-White, 3 to 5 ft. ....					
European Mountain Ash, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Pauls Scarlet Hawthorn Red Blooms, 3-5 ft. ....					
Big Leaf Cucumber Tree, Collected, 3-4 ft. ....					
Paw Paw, Collected, 3 to 5 ft. ....					
White Sumac, Collected, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Sourwood, Collected, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Yellow Buckeye, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Downy Hawthorn, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Dwarf White Buckeye, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Red Flowering Dogwood 2 ft. ....					
<b>SHADE TREES — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Silver Maple, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Green Weeping Willow, 2-3 ft. ....					
Chinese Elm, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Catalpa Fish Tail Tree, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Ginkgo Tree, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Pin Oak, Red Oak, or Scarlet Oak, 3 to 5 ft. ....					
Limbarcy Poplar, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Limbarcy Poplar, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Fasten Red Leaf Maple, 3 1/2 to 5 ft. ....					
Sycamore, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Sugar Maple, Collected, 3 to 5 ft. ....					
Sweet Gum, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
White Birch, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Crimson King Maple (Pat. No. 735) 3 to 5 ft. ....					
Tulip Tree, Collected, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Sunburst Locust (Pat. No. 1313), 4 to 6 ft. ....					
Cut Leaf Weeping Birch, 3 1/2 to 5 ft. ....					
Silver Variegated Maple, 3 1/2 to 5 ft. ....					
<b>FRUIT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Kentucky Coffee Tree, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
American Linden Tree, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Skyline Locust (Pat. No. 1619), 4 to 6 ft. ....					
Sassafras, Collected, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Scarlet Maple, Collected, 4 to 5 ft. ....					
Russian Mulberry, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Sycamore Maple, Purple Leaves, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Black Gum, Collected, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Japanese Red Leaf Maple, 1 ft. ....					
Norway Maple, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Golden Weeping Willow, 4 to 6 ft. ....					
<b>DWARF FRUIT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Dwarf Elberta Peach, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Red Haven Peach, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Belle of Georgia Peach, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Golden Jubilee Peach, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Red Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Yellow Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Winesap Apple, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Montmorency Cherry, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf North Star Cherry, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Bartlett Pear, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Kieffer Pear, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Dwarf Burbank Plum, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
<b>VINES — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Red Scarlet Honeysuckle, 1 ft. ....					
Wisteria, Purple, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Bitter Sweet, 1 ft. ....					
Clematis Vine, Collected, White, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Grape Vines, Concord, Niagara, Luttie, Fredonia, Delaware, Catawba, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Kudzu Vine, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Gold Flame Honeysuckle, 1 ft. ....					
Trumpet Creeper, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Yellow Jasmine, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Vinca Minor, Clumps, Collected ....					
Halls Honeysuckle, 1 ft. ....					
English Ivy or Boston Ivy, 4 to 8 inches ....					
Euonymus Coloratus, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
<b>NUT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Hazel Nut, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Butter Nut, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Chinese Chestnut, 1-2 ft. ....					
Hardy Pecan Seedlings, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Stuart Pecans, Paper Shell, 3 1/2 to 5 ft. ....					
Mahan Pecans, Paper Shell, 3 to 5 ft. ....					
Black Walnut, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
English Walnut, 2 to 3 ft. ....					
Shell Bark Hickory, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
American Beech, Collected, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
Japanese Walnut, 3 to 4 ft. ....					
<b>EVERGREENS — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Glossy Abelia, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
American Holly, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Rhododendron, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Pfitzer Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Cherry Laurel, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Nandina, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Boxwood, 1/2 ft. ....					
Irish Juniper, or Savin Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Red Berry Pyracantha, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Burfordi Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Wax Leaf Ligustrum, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Colorado Blue Spruce, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Mountain Laurel, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
<b>BERRY PLANTS, ETC. — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
Black Raspberry, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Red Everbearing Raspberry, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Dewberry, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Figs, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
Boysenberry, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Blackberry, 1/2 to 1 ft. ....					
Gooseberry, 2 yr., 1 ft. ....					
<b>BULBS, AND PERENNIALS — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
3 Pampas Grass, White Plumes ....					
12 Hibiscus Mallow Marvel in Mixed Colors ....					
6 Hollyhocks, Mixed Colors, Roots ....					
6 Cannas, Colors, Red, Pink, or Yellow ....					
12 Iris Blue Collected ....					
12 Day Lilies, Roots Orange Flowers ....					
6 Creeping Phlox, Pink, Blue, White and Red ....					
4 Blue Bells, Roots Collected ....					
4 Maiden Hair Fern, Roots Collected ....					
4 Fancy Leaf Caladium, Red or White ....					
20 Gladiolus, Pink, Red, or White ....					
6 Alysium Gold Dust ....					
6 Anthemis Yellow ....					
6 Carnation, Red, Pink, or White ....					
6 Coreopsis Sunburst Dbl. ....					
6 Candytuft (Iberis) Semp. White ....					
6 Babysbreath White ....					
6 Gaillardia Red ....					
6 Blue Flax (Linum) ....					
6 Shasta Daisy Alaska ....					
4 Delphinium Dark Blue ....					
6 Tritoma Mixed ....					
6 Dianthus Pinks ....					
6 Lupines Mixed Colors ....					
4 Sedum Dragon Blood ....					
3 Clematis Yellow ....					
6 Fall Asters, Red, Pink, White, or Lavender ....					
<b>BERRIES, FRUITS AND HEDGE—1 or 2 years Old</b>					
10 Rhubarb, 1 Yr. Roots ....					
10 Asparagus, 1 Yr. Roots ....					
25 Strawberry-Blakemore or Tenn. Beauty ....					
25 Gem Everbearing Strawberry ....					
100 South Privet, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
25 North Privet, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
25 California Privet, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
25 Multiflora Rose, 1 to 2 ft. ....					
<b>NATIVE WILD FLOWERS — 1 or 2 years Old</b>					
3 Lady's Slipper, Collected ....					
3 Blood Root White Flowers, Collected ....					
3 Dutchman Breeches, Collected ....					
4 Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Collected ....					
3 Oogtooth Violet, Collected ....					
10 Hardy Garden Violet Blue, Collected ....					
3 Cartridge Berry, Collected ....					
3 Passionflower Blue, Collected ....					
3 Bird Foot Violet, Collected ....					
4 Trillium's, White turns Pink, Collected ....					

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# TARHEEL RURAL LINES

reports on events of importance to rural electric co-op members/by J. C. Brown Jr.

## Co-op Engineers Say Power Feasible

RURAL ELECTRICS last month presented engineering studies which challenged a Corps of Engineers finding that power is not feasible in the proposed federal reservoir at Clinchfield. The reservoir would be on the Broad River in Polk and Rutherford Counties.

William T. Crisp, at a hearing held in the Chase High School, included as a part of his testimony a study conducted by Southern Engineering Company, of Atlanta, Ga., which refuted the Corps of Engineers allegation that power was not feasible in the reservoir. Crisp is attorney for N.C. Electric Membership Corporation. Approximately 1,200 persons attended the hearing, and most of them favored construction of the dam.

Charles Robinson, staff counsel and engineer for National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said that his examination of the sketchy information supplied by the Corps confirmed Southern Engineering's findings. He stressed that he was not questioning the competence or integrity of the District Engineer who did the studies of the project, but was critical of a Corps of Engineers policy which would deprive the people of North Carolina of a major benefit. The benefits from the sale of hydroelectric power not only would lower power costs in the state, Robinson said, but could significantly reduce the amount of local investment in the project. The power costs must pay for themselves in 50 years. Following that, profits from the sale of power might well be channeled into the local area for development of community and recreational facilities.

While not personally appearing, a Duke Power Company representative submitted a statement which "fully concurs in the District Engineers finding that hydroelectric power is not economically justified and should not be included in the Clinchfield Development."

A reading of that statement brought a ripple of laughter from the partisan crowd. As Crisp stated, "I've never heard of a power company which found feasible power for Federal development. The reason is they want to totally monopolize the production of power."

Crisp, the next day at a Winston-Salem hearing regarding development of the Upper Yadkin River, posed a question: "Why is it that Duke Power Company can find feasible power in its dams up and down the Catawba, that Alcoa Aluminum Company can find feasible power in Western North Carolina, that TVA can find feasible power in North Carolina rivers, and the Corps of Engineers can't find it?"



# All Aboard for the 1968 Youth Tour

*The boys and girls in our high school today will be the decision makers of tomorrow. They will shape the future of our nation and state and of our communities and our co-ops, and the investment our co-ops make in sponsoring for them the annual Electric Youth Tour is truly an investment in tomorrow.*

**T**he Capitol, the White House, the museums and the monuments, they're all on the Tour. And the 21 young North Carolinians who went to Washington on the 1967 National Rural Electric Youth Tour saw them all and more.

They not only saw the things Washington tourists see but they also saw behind the scenes where only the luckiest Washington visitors get to go. They were let behind the doors and through the gates to where the action is. They visited their U. S. senators and representatives. They went through federal agencies. They were guests at National Rural Electric Cooperative Association headquarters. And they were welcomed by the President on the White House lawn.

## *Big Things for '68*

The 1968 National Rural Electric Youth Tour will be just as exciting.

If you are a high school student in an area served by one of the North Carolina electric cooperatives participating in the Tour program, you could become one of the lucky boys and girls selected for the expense-paid trip and a week in the nation's capital city.

The Tour this year will take place June 10-14.

The exact details for the 1968 Tour will be announced by your local Electric Membership Corporation, and from your local EMC you will be able to get all the information you will need to compete for a chance to make the Tour.

Some of the Tour candidates will compete in essay contests; some will be selected through public speaking contests, and some will be selected by other methods.

Remember: The local EMCs will make the selections and will be



You'll not only bring home pictures but a richer understanding and memories, too.

able to tell you what you need to know.

J. C. Brown Jr., executive manager of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, said that if your parents live on the lines of a participating cooperative you

should watch for news of what your local cooperative is doing about the Tour.

If you don't know whether your local co-op is participating, call or go by the office and ask. If it is participating the person you talk to will be able to give you all the particulars.

## *Teens Are the Choice*

Students seeking to join the 1968 Tour should be of high school age. High school juniors will be given preference by some of the sponsors but other sponsors may pick students in other high school classes. Again remember the rules in your area are set by your local electric cooperative. You should get the exact information at the cooperative's office.

If you do get to go, you're in for an experience you won't soon forget.

Last year's electric teens took an evening boat ride down the Potomac River. They had a ball of a dance and a shindig with two bands. They went through the FBI and agencies like the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. They saw the museums and monuments and Arlington Cemetery and President Kennedy's grave.



The President and Friends.



Many of them got to shake President Johnson's hand and all of them heard him make a talk for them only. He told them to go out and work for the things and programs they believe in.

If Americans hadn't been willing to fight and work for the things they believed in, he said, the Rural Electrification program and many other programs we have today never would have been possible.

"Your country's ability to meet its challenges," he told them, "will depend largely on you and your willingness to serve."

"Give to the world the best you have," he said, "and the best will come back to you."

The boys and girls who went in 1967 saw things and learned things and had loads of fun doing it. Now it could be your turn. Call your electric co-op office. Be a contestant for a place in the fun in 1968.

## Winter's Worst

*Trees bent and broke under the weight of ice. Electric power failed in several sections of Raleigh and Charlotte and in dozens of North Carolinas towns. Co-op power systems suffered, too.*

*January gave North Carolina a taste of winter at its worst. The sleet and ice and the ordeal will be remembered long after 1968 is history.*

*Let us remember, too, the linemen and the remarkable job they did in the teeth of the storm. They worked despite grave personal risks to clear the outages and restore the service the storm had disrupted. They were the heroes of the storm and January showed their courage and ability and proved again their dependability.*

*Remember them when you remember January. Remember them and all the co-op workers, managers and personnel who went the extra mile and stayed the extra hour, who came from co-ops throughout the state to the storm areas, to serve you according to the highest traditions of service.*

*The linemen and the co-op people—they're your people. When you remember January, remember them and be proud.*

Jim Chaney

# Bigger Things for Big Bald

*The 5,516-foot mountain got its name because its top is grassy and bald of the timber that grows on its slopes. It is a landmark in one of the most scenic sections of Western North Carolina and it is the symbol now of an enterprise promising new vitality for the area's economy.*

**B**igger things are coming for Big Bald Mountain in Yancey County. A resort taking shape there is unmatched for imagination in the region, and the power for its homes, lodges and elaborate facilities is being supplied by French Broad Electric Membership Corporation of Marshall.

Bald Mountain Development Corporation, formed for the Western North Carolina project by Charles P. Edwards Jr. and his son, Charles P. Edwards III of Kingsport, Tenn., is clearing building sites and building roads, a golf course, ski slope and a "dude ranch."

Approximately 750 lots have been laid out for homes in an area called Wolf-Laurel Boundary. At least 300 lots have been sold and houses are already under construction. Water and roads are furnished to the edge of the lots by the developer at no cost to the property owner. There will be a monthly water fee, similar to that charged by a municipality for water service.

Plans call for a shopping center and all buildings will be required to meet "good taste" standards for construction and appearance. A spokesman for the developers puts it this way: "We don't want a project that can be found in many tourist areas in the mountains, and which features at most foxtails and apple cider."

"This will not be a Coney Island type of development," he adds, "and we want it quiet and tasteful. However, we do plan to feature viewing from Bald Mountain, so eventually we may consider a chair lift to the Bald to expedite coming and going to the top."

Adding to the natural charm, the developers bought several old log cabins in the mountain area and re-erected them in the valley under the Bald.

The reconstructed cabins serve as a sort of dude ranch pioneer settlement. They have been furnished with luxurious appointments as lodges for skiers.

There at the cabins, cold and clear Laurel Creek has been dammed to make a series of ponds. These are stocked with rainbow trout from the Edwards' fish hatchery at Hempton, Tenn., and fencing is planned for 800 acres of native game area.

The development will provide a major boost to the economy of Western North Carolina. It already has provided for local artisans, carpenters and masons as well as contractors. As the lots are sold and buildings are completed, it will add an estimated \$17 million to the ad valorem tax books of Madison and Yancey counties.

In a letter to D. M. Robinson, manager of French Broad EMC, confirming the decision of the development corporation to take service from French Broad, C. P. Edwards III wrote:

"We are happy to inform you that it is our decision that French Broad Electric Membership Corporation should furnish the power service completely for our development. We arrived at this decision on the basis of several considerations which appeared to be most important to us... Your electric system was extended into this general area of North Carolina-Tennessee many years ago and is known to us to be adequate and dependable."



Dude Ranch at Big Bald



## The Not-So-Retiring Farmer

*Townfolk usually retire when they reach Social Security age. Farmers generally go on farming. Some of them keep going because they wouldn't have it any other way. Some feel they must. And some can't find younger hands willing to take the reins and work the land.*

**T**he old farmer, unlike the old soldier, doesn't have to just fade away.

After suffering through drought-ridden depression years, two world wars and a revolution in the economics and technology of agriculture, the older farmer is playing an increasingly important role on today's farm scene.

And this is at a time of life that finds some of his city brethren searching for retirement paradises on—of all places—farms.

Not only are there more older men in proportion to total rural population today, the proportion of men over 65 actively participating in the rural work force is double that of the urban population.

Part of the reason for this is the nature of agriculture. Farming is more than just a job for most operators; it is a whole style and way of life. Many a man with farming in his blood would sooner reduce his income than lose the independence of being a farmer and/or the satisfaction of working on the land.

Today's older farmer began as a boy doing a man's work and he has kept right on doing it, more often than not because he wants to, long into what the urbanite might consider the twilight years.

The older owner of a farm, often reluctant to relinquish any part of his power, may still be active in managing his farm even though he has rented it out, perhaps to his son, and is using the income to supplement Social Security payments he may now receive.

The idea of completely stopping work—so common to office and factory workers—is not generally accepted in rural areas. The average farmer only gradually begins to contemplate retirement and when he does his concept of it is likely to be hazy.

In the 1950s, for example, only 15 percent of Connecticut farmers intended to retire; only 12 percent of Texas farmers had definite retirement plans and two-thirds of Wisconsin farmers gave little





or no consideration to the problem.

A recent study of South Dakota farmers illustrates the way it is today. Only 21 percent of the farmers felt they would stop working altogether in retirement; the rest indicated that they would probably continue doing some physical tasks.

The same study showed that one-fifth of those expecting to continue work preferred to do it for wages off the farm. The median preferred age of retirement for all South Dakota farmers was 62 rather than the usual 65. But the older the farmer the older the age of preferred retirement.

The owner-operator, if he plans it right, can retire at his own pace. As manager, employer, laborer, entrepreneur, mechanic, teacher and engineer on his own farm, he can relinquish one or more of these jobs as he chooses or as they exceed his physical capacity.

All he needs to keep his work status is to maintain nominal ownership and control of his property. He can leave to others the actual work of farming.

#### *Criss-Cross Commuters*

A frequent pattern now appearing in rural areas involves the retired farmer and his wife "moving into town"—preferably the same town which served the family during the farmer's active career.

While the farmer is moving into town, some older city workers are going the opposite way. They are looking today to rural areas for a place to live inexpensively in retirement.

In addition, farming is emerging as a way for city people as well as farmers to supplement retirement incomes. In a recent study of Florida retirement farms, 64 percent of the operators listed a non-farm pre-retirement occupation.

#### *Mother Earth No Security*

At one time the land was considered to offer the greatest security in old age. Few farmers today endorse the idea.

Before the extension of Old Age and Survivors Insurance to the self-employed, over 70 percent of Wisconsin's farmers said they felt farming provided no more security for old age than any other occupation. In other states, half the

farmers were not sure they could finance their own retirement.

The farmer's biggest worries in retirement are the same as the city man's: income, health and loss of status.

Old people in the country may enjoy such fringe benefits as space, fresh air and the peace and quiet of rural surroundings. But they are definitely at a disadvantage when it comes to income.

Median retirement incomes for farmers were 25 to 30 percent less than those of urban persons in 1959.

When it comes to health matters, they are not much better off. For many a farmer, poor health is the sole reason for considering retirement. And if he stays in a rural area, he may find that health facilities available to him are severely limited.

Farm families, however, tend to stick together more than city families—even when the children remain on the farm while the parents move into town. Thus the older folks' health and monetary needs are frequently looked after even though their actual income is small.

Income is essential, but it doesn't provide for all the contingencies of old age. The restlessness of retirement can pursue the ex-farmer as much as the former city worker. When the farmer rids himself of the burden of his labor, too often he finds he has also divested himself of the dignity and respect that went with supporting a family.

His wife, on the other hand, continues as the homemaker she always has been, remaining an active member of the household. Her importance, thus, may increase at her husband's expense.

One solution available to the farmer is not so readily at hand in the city. In various ways the farmer can retain some of the powers of management and ownership. He could do it, for example, by heading a corporation set up for the farm. Or he might lease the farm, exercising the management function of a farm landlord.

#### *Retirement Checklist*

Farmers, like other self-employed persons, must set aside money from working capital for their retirement. This may mean putting off the purchase of a new piece of equipment or some other capital investment. In addition, a

farmer's retirement is usually complicated by the fact of owning the land and the problems of passing it along to his heirs.

What's the proper way for a farmer to prepare for retirement?

The ideal retirement arrangement probably has never been achieved, but unless the farmer and his family take the following points into consideration, they won't even come close:

- Reasonable degree of income security for parents.
- Allowance for opportunities for farm-operating son.
- Equitable treatment of other children.
- Minimizing impact of taxes and probate courts.
- Maintenance of the farm on an efficient basis.
- Agreement to the plan by the entire family, if possible.

*(From the U.S. Department of Agriculture publication, "The Farm Index," reporting a study of older rural Americans.)*





# India's North Carolina Cooperator

*Of all the people W. C. Carlton met in India, a fellow North Carolinian was one of the most remarkable. Dr. Allie C. Felder Jr. of Durham is working there in many ways to create a better image of America abroad. This account of Dr. Felder is based on letters received from Carlton while he was in India helping form electric co-operatives.*

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**C**ooperatives like ours are growing in India to help the people of that Asian nation help themselves develop a sounder economy and a more stable society.

Cooperatives promoted and organized by the India Cooperative Union, the National Cooperative Union of India and the Cooperative League of the USA are giving spirit where there was despondency and substance where there was privation.

An eight-member rural electrification team headed by a North Carolinian, W. C. Carlton, was from September until late December a party to this progress.

A North Carolina Negro, Dr. Allie C. Felder Jr., is the coordinator of many of the cooperative programs.

Carlton, who was in India on leave from his job as manager of Carteret-Craven Electric Membership Corporation at Morehead City, came to know Dr. Felder well.

## *"A Prime Mover"*

Carlton and his team were in India for the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) on an AID-NRECA mission to establish five pilot rural electric co-operatives.

"For our rural electric cooperative team," Carlton wrote while still abroad, "Dr. Felder has been a prime mover. He foresees the changes that can be wrought in India through the widespread use of electric power.

"Dr. Felder, as much as anyone else, spark-plugged the role co-



Dr. Felder and W. C. Carlton

operatives could play and heeded the request of the Indian cooperatives' movement to get rural electrification via cooperatives on the way."

(Carlton added that U.S. Ambassador Chester Bowles is a strong believer in the future of electric cooperatives in India and had expressed his interest to him and others).

Dr. Felder was born in Durham

## 4-H Memories

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club Leader Emeritus, is the author of a new book, "Memories of 4-H," published by the N. C. 4-H Development Fund. A history of North Carolina 4-H work related by one who knows it best, the book has the quality of personal recollection and the authenticity of documented detail. It features many interesting photos as well as a helpful appendix and index. Extension Director Emeritus I. O. Schaub provides a valuable foreword. Copies may be ordered at \$2.50 each from the N. C. 4-H Development Fund, P. O. Box 5067, State College Station, Raleigh, N. C.

Aug. 12, 1921, and was graduated from Durham's Hillside High School in 1938. A specialist in agricultural economics and rural sociology, he holds a bachelor's degree from Hampton Institute, a master's degree from the University of Illinois and a doctorate from Ohio State University.

During World War II he served in the Army and for two more years, in 1951 and 1953, rising to the rank of captain.

From September 1953 to February 1956, he was an associate professor at Hampton Institute.

## *Cooperative Coordinator*

He went to India in 1956 as a consultant to the Joint India Fund of the Cooperative League of the USA (CLUSA) and American International Association for Economic and Social Development stationed in New Delhi.

Since November 1960 he has been representative in India for CLUSA and coordinator of cooperative programs. His work in India is about equally divided between serving as the official representative in India of CLUSA and cooperative consultant to the Indian Cooperative Union and the National Cooperative Union of India.

In his capacity as representative of CLUSA, he is director of the CLUSA India office, coordinator of all CLUSA programs in India and serves as liaison with the Government of India, U.S. foundations and other concerned agencies. In his capacity as cooperative consultant, he participates in research, experimental programs, cooperative extension and training programs, seminars and conferences. He is a writer and lecturer.

His wife Miriam and two sons, Allie C. III and Robert C., are with him in India.

## *Many Ways for Many Needs*

Carlton said Dr. Felder and CLUSA are active in many areas of cooperative service.

"Assistance prior to 1965 was mostly in the field of cooperative



marketing, hybrid seed promotion and distribution and cooperative wholesale and retail food distribution," Carlton noted. "Since 1965, CLUSA in India has assisted the Indian cooperatives develop an eight-point program setting priorities for action.

"Most of these points are financed under AID Global contracts with U.S. cooperatives. Among those now underway are a feasibility study for a fertilizer plant in the cooperative sector, feasibility study for organizing rural electric cooperatives, technical assistance for cooperative oil seed processing mills and feasibility studies for cooperative processing and food preservation.

"Future plans call for participation in housing cooperatives, thrift and credit societies. Rural electrification specialists are now in India to organize five pilot rural electric cooperatives based on experience in the USA. Cooperative production and distribution of hybrid corn seeds has brought about average per-acre increases in yields of 40 percent. Farm lands with electric pumps for irrigation increase in value and production."

Carlton's association with Dr. Felder grew out of Dr. Felder's role as representative of CLUSA. CLUSA had an AID contract to furnish logistic support for Carlton's electrification team.

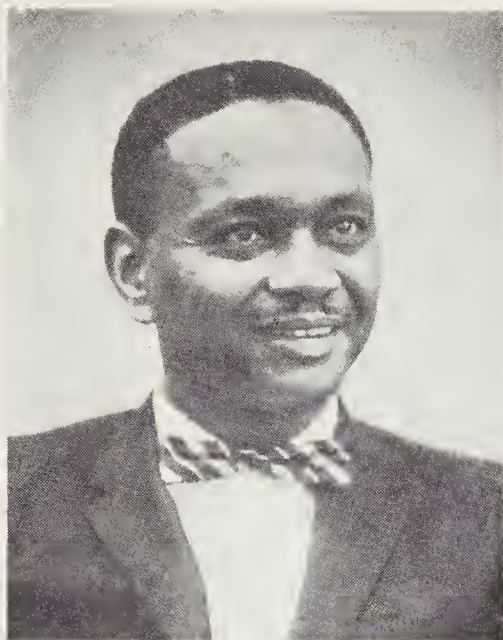
### *A Leader in Development*

"As a leader in India's surge for development," Carlton wrote, "Dr. Felder has cooperative contacts throughout India which have proved invaluable to the work of the team.

"His theme is showing that this is a people to people program and that cooperative experience is an exportable item. Cooperators speak the same language world wide as they concentrate on rendering superior service and goods to their consumer-members.

"Dr. Felder personally met each member of the eight-man team as he arrived in India. He made hotel reservations, he has provided valuable assistance by furnishing transportation, arranging air travel, supplying office space and stenographic assistance. He has been able to open doors otherwise closed as he is non-official, that is, non-governmental in his capacity.

"He has prepared, with Government of India officials, a complete schedule for the 90-day tour of duty



Durham's Allie Felder

of the team. He was counselor on customs, traditions and culture of the fine people of India. He visited with and introduced the team to officials and non-officials at the Central Government and State levels."

Carlton added that since Dr. Felder is a former pupil of Dr. Russell Olson of USAID/India, the principal Delhi mission liaison representative, "the work began smoothly as these two... have always been strong supporters of the (cooperative) program."

### *We Can Be Proud*

Before leaving India, Carlton and the other electric co-op specialists on his team honored Dr. Felder at a ceremony. Each member bestowed something representative of his home state. The team member from Kentucky had Dr. Felder made an honorary Kentucky colonel. Bill Carlton presented a certificate from Governor Moore bestowing on Dr. Felder "The Order of the Long Leaf Pine," a distinction given to Tar Heels who have brought credit to their state. He also presented a framed letter from Lt. Gov. Scott, a resolution by Tarheel Electric Membership Association commending Dr. Felder, and a TEMA Tarheel pin.

"As a fellow North Carolinian," Carlton wrote from India, "it has been a distinct privilege to be associated with Dr. Allie Felder. He is doing a wonderful work, using his remarkable capacity in the cooperative field to help Indians help themselves... I am glad to see the accomplishments that people have attained through his inspired leadership.

"North Carolina has a right to be proud of Dr. Allie Felder."

And bigger things are ahead for Allie Felder. He's to be promoted by the Cooperative League to even greater international responsibilities.



Stanley Dreyer, president of the Cooperative League, presents TEMA Tarheel pin to Dr. Felder. Dr. Russell Olson of U. S. AID is at left and Carlton is at right.





*Hearts*

*And  
Flowers*

What  
could be  
more than  
charming  
for a Val-  
entine party—

a sparkling candle holder . . . a heart-shaped mobile . . . festive Valentine ornaments. The cost is just pennies, and the entire family can have fun creating.

To make the candle holder, join the spout ends of two kitchen funnels by forcing one inside the other. Cover with aluminum foil. Place a small foil pie plate or circle of heavy duty foil on top of the funnel-candlestick. Cut a hole in the plate and insert a tall candle. Crushed foil in the top funnel will hold the candle upright. Heap artificial violets around the candle base.

The heart-shaped mobile is made by lightly crushing a piece of foil about six feet long. Begin crushing foil at one end of length until there is enough crushed to make a circle 18 inches across. Continue around the circle, tucking the crushed end in against the smooth foil, and add layer on layer of foil until the entire length is used. Bend into a heart shape and decorate with artificial violets, green leaves, and small petal shapes cut from foil.

The large heart shapes at left are cut from plastic foam and covered with dark purple foil gift wrap.

*The Carolina  
Homemaker*  
Edited By Rebekah Rivers





# Happy Day of Love to You!

Over 400,000,000 Valentine cards will be sent this year. And children will be sending most of them.

There's a message in St. Valentine's Day that youngsters automatically react to—the message of love. Dan Cupid himself was a little boy—the son of Venus, Roman goddess of love. He represents the innocence of love, as did the ancient Bishop of Spoleto, St. Valentine.

The good Bishop was put to death for teaching that people should practice brotherly love. He sent the first "Valentine Card" while in prison—to the jailer's lovely daughter. His message was signed, simply, "From Your Valentine."

Affairs of the heart were first settled on Valentine's Day in Ancient Rome, when young lovers drew names from an urn to give Dan Cupid a helping hand.

Valentine's Day was officially recognized by Chaucer in his "Parliament of Fowls" and by Shakespeare who had Ophelia sing:

"Good morrow, 'tis St. Valentine's Day  
All in the morn betime,  
And I a maid at your window  
To be your Valentine."

The original Valentine cards were homemade affairs of frilly

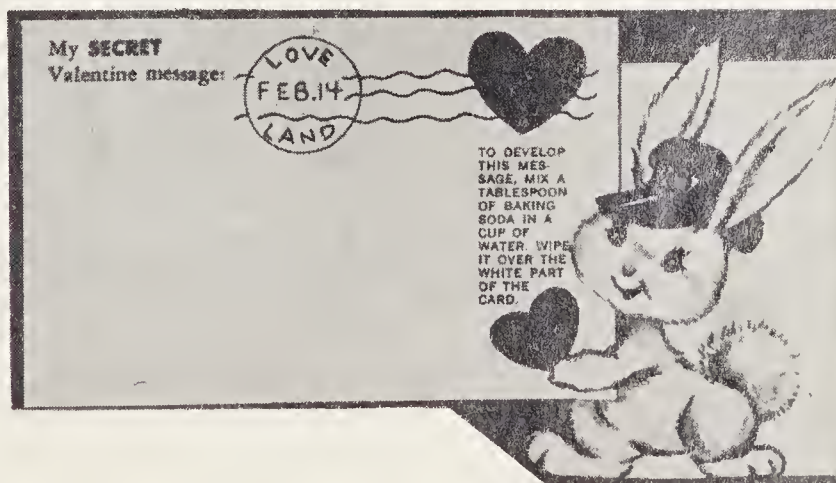
lace and pretty pictures. Often, a lovesick sender would purchase an appropriate verse from some desperate poet. And in 1797, "The Young Man's Valentine Writer" was published with suitable sayings for young hopefuls of every walk of life.

The village bricklayer, for instance, could promise his love the following:

"With mortar and trowel  
You know I do no ill,  
But a mansion can raise very high,  
Then, sweet Valentine,  
If you will be mine  
You shall have a fine house  
by and by."

The Valentine has gone through a number of stages since then. We've had the lace card of Queen Victoria's time, for instance, and the "mean" Valentine of more recent years. We've even seen the advent of special Valentines for occasions like Leap Year. And through the changes, the most faithful Valentine fans have always been the children.

With over 20 million school children concentrating on Valentines, 1968 promises to be Dan Cupid's biggest year. He's sure to have a delightful surprise in his quiver for your youngsters, so watch for him, come February 14, He'll be disguised as a postman.





# A Farm off the Line Converted a Teacher



**T**he South River Electric Membership Corporation Building is one of the better looking buildings in Dunn. The Dunn Municipal Building is newer and more striking but South River's headquarters, built in 1950 and added to in 1960-61, has a wider perspective.

That is as it should be: South River EMC is an institution of broad perspectives. It exists to serve, not only now but for the future, and R. R. Edwards is dedicated to seeing that it serves well.

R. R. Edwards has been with South River since its beginning. He has grown with it and he feels personally its every problem and achievement.

"I'm an original incorporator," he explained. "My wife had inherited a farm and I got involved in getting power for it and for the neighbors. It got me into the electric business and I've been in it ever since."

He was its first president and when the cooperative became operational he became its first manager.

South River Electric Membership Corporation was formed in the spring of 1940, with Cumberland and Sampson as its original counties. It now serves in Bladen, Cumberland, Harnett, Johnston and Sampson although Cumberland and Sampson still account for the greater share of its members.

Edwards took charge as manager in September, 1940.

## *Years of Growth*

The years since have been years of growth. In 1941, the cooperative had 937 member accounts. It now has 11,500. And in the 26 years of its existence, the average for use of power per member has climbed from 36 kilowatt hours a month to 590 and the average price for current paid by members has dropped from 9.8 cents per kwh to 1.8 cents.

Edwards believes the average kwh price is the lowest for an

electric cooperative in the state, or anywhere except in the TVA area or in the public power district or around Atlanta.

The area South River serves has been largely agricultural.

"We've taken in a service area around Fort Bragg," Edwards said, "Other than that it's largely rural. Johnston and Sampson are big farming counties."

But the area is changing and its population and productivity are growing. Originally, South River's members were nearly all farm people. In the past decade or so, the percentage of non-farm members has been climbing.

"A lot of people," Edwards observed, "work at Fort Bragg and in industries."

South River has some of the industries on its lines. "Feed mills, processing plants for farm products and rock quarries," Edwards said, "take in our main industries, and we serve a lot of remote radar stations for Fort Bragg."

## *A Changing Economy*

Even the area's farming operations are changing. Not so long ago its farmers mainly grew row crops. Now beef cattle, poultry and swine are large factors in its economy.

"Our dairies have decreased," Edwards said, "but beef cattle, poultry and pig parlors, these have been really growing. In Cumberland and Sampson particularly, beef cattle farming has greatly increased."

South River EMC has cooperated actively in efforts to promote industrial development in the counties it serves. Edwards is a member of the Dunn Investors Incorporated and of two county development groups. The cooperative's personnel were active in the organization of the Dunn Meat Packers Inc.

"It's one of the finest in North Carolina," Edwards said. The plant presently is leased to a meat packing company. Edwards is a member of the plant's board of

directors.

His experience with the plant has taught him, he said, that "there's a lot more to this industrial promotion than people realize." He had thought problems would end once the industry was established, but he has found that in industrial development, as in everything else, there are continually problems.

## *A Move for School*

Rufus Robert Edwards was born in Craven County in November, 1907, the son of the late Joseph A. Edwards and Mittie McLaughorn Edwards. There were eight children in the family. R. R. was the youngest. Only one of his brothers and one sister still are living. They—D. P. Edwards and Mrs. Edgar S. W. Draughorn—both live out from Fayetteville.

When R. R. was about four years old, the family moved to Cumberland County so that the children could be near a high school, a private school called Falcon High.

R. R. was graduated from Falcon High in 1925 and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1930. He dropped out of college in 1928-29 and taught school for a year but returned to complete his studies as a science major and get his degree.

A soft-spoken man who looks as though he might be a teacher, Edwards was a teacher in his early years. After Chapel Hill, he taught chemistry and physics in the High Point city schools for five years.

"And then," he recalled, "I returned home to Cumberland County to farm. That's when I got into the power business. We wanted electricity and we couldn't get it."

The farm on which he settled had been inherited by his wife. He divided his attention between that and teaching. He taught in the Sampson and Cumberland county schools.

## *A Career of Service*

"I was teaching in a school," he said. "We worked and got power to it, and we tried to get power to



the farm." But the farm was two or three miles from the school and the power company told him and his neighbors it would have to have seven people a mile prepared to take electricity before it would run a line. There weren't seven people and the only way Edwards and his neighbors could make up for that was to put up \$1,500.

"That was in the Depression," he recalled. "There just wasn't \$1,500 around."

Fortunately there was the Rural Electrification program. REA co-operatives were beginning to form in the state. Edwards visited the then new Four County EMC in Burgaw. Four County's people had got themselves electricity with the help of REA loan money. An attempt to work through the program to get electricity in rural Johnston County had been started but that didn't succeed.

"So," Edwards said, remembering the times, "I had discouragement on the one side and success on the other." And out of the contrast finally came the beginnings of South River EMC and one of the most efficient EMC operations in North Carolina.

Edwards looks with pleasure on the decline in the average kilowatt cost paid by South River members.

South River has made three reductions in its rates since 1941 to residential consumers. At the same time, it has returned \$470,000 in capital credits to living members and an additional \$223,000 to the estates of deceased members.

"That," he commented with some satisfaction, "makes a return of about \$700,000 to our membership."

#### *A Childhood Romance*

Mrs. Edwards is the former Agnes Matthews. Edwards calls her "a childhood sweetheart." They met in grade school and they were married in 1934.

The Edwards have a daughter, Sylvia, who now is Mrs. J. R. Tippet Jr. Her husband, a Raleigh native and West Point graduate, is in service as an Army major attached to the Pentagon. She, her husband and three children, two boys and a girl, live at Chantilly, Va.

Edwards has been district chairman of the Boy Scout program in



South River Electric Membership Corporation's R. R. Edwards on the job in Dunn.

the Chicora District for the past several years and was a member of the Godwin Lions Club. He also is a member of Center Baptist Church near Wade. He has been one of its deacons, and he has taught Sunday school class for nearly 15 years.

The Edwards live about 12 miles out from Dunn at Godwin, Route 1, in Cumberland County. That's the farm his wife inherited. Its tobacco, cotton and field farming operations are rented out, but Edwards has a herd of white-faced beef cattle which he calls his hobby. He and a helper look after the cattle. There usually are 75 head in the herd.

The Edwards home is all electric and it was one of the first in the section to become so.

#### *All Electric's Best*

All electric or "total electric" homes are becoming numerous in South River territory.

"We've got some areas," Edwards said, "where 50 percent of the houses built last year are all-electric."

Low, incentive residential power rates, he points out with pride, stand high among the reasons that is so.

For homes of average size, with from about 1,600 to 1,800 square feet of floor space, Edwards said electric bills run from about \$28

to \$30 a month the year round. That's with all electric conveniences including heat and air conditioning.

Edwards got into the electric supply field out of necessity, to help himself and his neighbors get electricity for their farms. He has never been able to let go. When he started in 1940, he was committed to getting service to 300 miles of line and 900 members. Before that could be completed, applications for 500 miles more were waiting and wanting attention. World War II restrictions brought construction to a virtual halt. When the wartime restrictions finally lifted, there were hundreds more requests for service waiting.

#### *More Growth Ahead*

"We didn't really catch up," Edwards said, "until after the Korean war, and we're still filling in and adding more. We're having a steady growth of about 300-400 members a year."

And along with the growth in member-consumers there has been the steady, healthy growth in average kilowatt hour usage.

Watching that figure grow and working to bring per kwh costs down and the quality of service up, these are things that keep men like R. R. Edwards in their careers. These add up to Edwards' satisfactions.



# Free Patterns



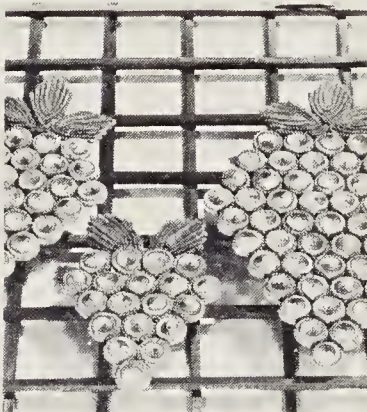
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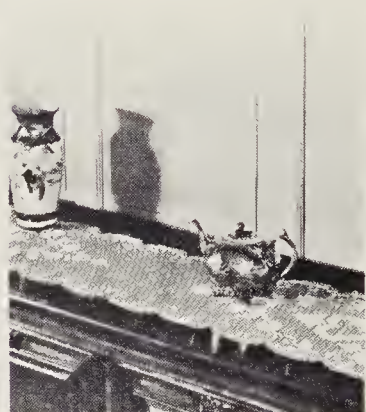
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**HOT MATS**

These luscious purple grapes protect hands and table from hot pots. They can also add extra touch to kitchen wall.



**FILET RUNNER**

This runner is pure white and lacy. It is crocheted of mercerized crochet, and measures 12-1/3"x 53-1/2".

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## Just Between Us

### To Careless Hunters

Mrs. Fred Childress of Route 2, Box 104, Dobson, has written a "Warning to Careless Hunters" in rhyme. The first and closing verses follow:

Please don't shoot near this house,  
We stay as scared as a mouse,  
Always hunters with a gun  
Are keeping us on the run.

The windshield was shot out of our car,  
That's getting too close for comfort by far!  
If you have to shoot, go to Vietnam!  
Maybe you could be of some help to Uncle Sam!

### To Our Country

Mrs. Mary S. Whitmore of Route 2, Box 656, Brevard, contributes a patriotic poem called "Our Country." Here are the first and final verses:

God made this country beautiful to love, and  
share and adore.  
He meant for it to grow and not to be  
destroyed.

God gave this precious land to us; let's love  
and share and keep her.  
With so much hate in the world, who really  
loves America?

### A Bed for History

Mrs. Henry F. Twitty, Reedy Hill, Warrenton, writes: "I read with interest the story, "A Bed for History," in the October issue. The bed on which Annie Carter Lee died is owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Hunter Weston. It was given to her grandfather, Dr. Frank Patterson, the physician who cared for Miss Lee, by the Jones family which owned the resort hotel where Miss Lee died.

### Any Old Valentines?

Leon Thompson, 623 Federal East, Seattle, Wash., 98102, sends this request: "I am collecting old postcards, bookmarks and Reward of Merit cards. I am particularly interested in collecting real old valentines . . . and plan to give them to a museum when I finish. I have two valentines that are over 95 years old and a few dating back to 1880. I would like to add to my collection and I am in hope that your readers may have a few old valentines they do not want. Although I cannot afford to buy any, I would be happy to have any they care to send me. Eventually I hope to try writing a book about my projects."

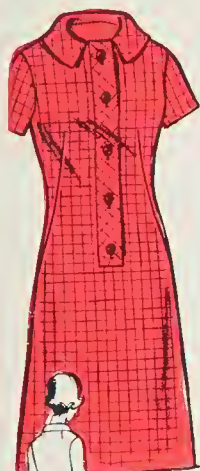


# Fashion

## FAVORITES



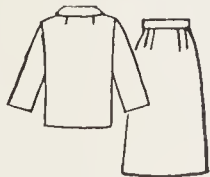
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# "What Do Teens Think Of Long Hair on Boys?"

"Long hair can make a big difference in a boy's appearance. As long as it is well-groomed and a limited length, long hair can be very becoming on most boys. Not many of us care to look at a person though if all we can see is a mass of shaggy hair instead of eyes. Usually if the hair is long enough to curl (with or without curlers), it is *too* long. As far as being well-groomed is concerned, how many of us like to look at long, stringy, or disheveled hair? The boys with long hair must also keep their hair clean and well-combed. A boy's hair does make a difference in the overall impression he makes on others no matter what length it is."

**Patsy Parker**  
Rt. 1  
Pine Hall

*Patsy is 16 years old and a junior at South Stokes High School. She enjoys dancing, music, and meeting new people. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Parker, are served by Davidson Electric Membership Corporation.*

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"I feel that long hair on boys is fine because it gives them a chance to be individualists. Who wants always to look the same as all the other guys? Long hair means to me that a boy is given the chance to express himself as a person not just as one of the gang."

**Franklin McQueen**  
Rt. 1, Box 122  
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*Franklin is 16 years old and a junior at Mineral Springs High School. He likes to collect records and work on cars. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. McQueen, are served by Pee Dee Electric Membership Corporation.*

"As a cosmetology student who goes steady with a student barber, I am confronted with *all* lengths of hair. My conclusion on the fad of long hair on boys is that it depends entirely upon the boy's face structure and body frame what length of hair looks best. But who has ever seen a boy who needed to wear the same hair style as a St. Bernard?"

**Dianne Smith**  
Box 58-B  
Stanfield

*Dianne Smith is sixteen years old and a junior at West Stanly High School. She also attends a hairstyling school in Albemarle. Two of her hobbies are horseback riding and collecting old Indian relics. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Smith, are served by Union Electric Membership Corporation.*

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"Most teenage girls think long hair on boys is just wonderful. But I have a great dislike of boys wearing long hair. For instance, when I invite a boy to my house to meet my parents, I don't want him coming to meet my parents with hair longer than mine. I think a boy looks 100% better with a neat haircut instead of long hair over his eyes and down his neck."

**Edna McRae**  
Rt. 2  
Lumberton

*Edna is 17 years old and a junior at South Lumberton High School. She enjoys reading and dancing. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred McRae, are served by Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation.*



## NEXT QUESTION

"What do you say to a classmate who wants to copy your paper?"

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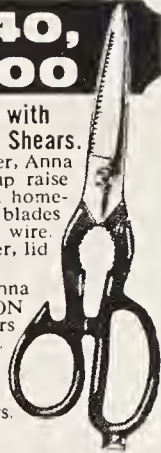
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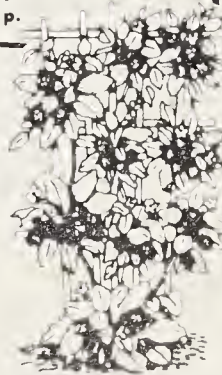
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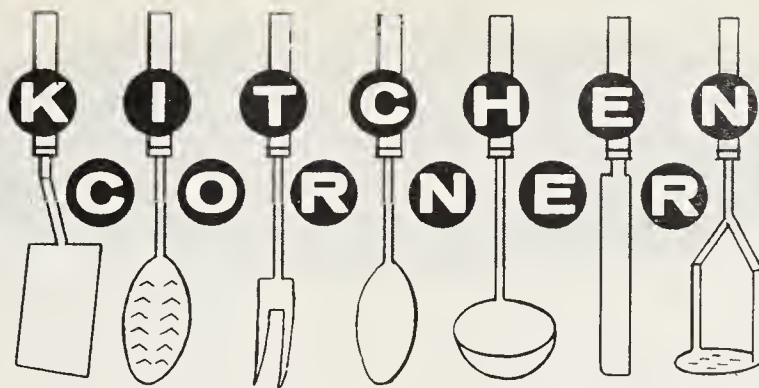
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## Cherry Yum Yum

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*Mason Locke Weems*

Since George Washington's birthday is on the 22nd of this very patriotic month, why not serve your family and guests a new dish—one that will really be in keeping with the spirit of February—"Cherry Yum Yum?" Mrs. Emerson A. Ledford sent us this recipe and writes that "my family and I have enjoyed this one as much as any I've ever tried. I have taken it to many outings and everyone wants the recipe, so I thought this would be a nice way to share it with all of my CAROLINA FARMER friends."

The Ledfords have five children, one nineteen-year old son and four daughters, ranging in age from fifteen to three. They live on a small farm in the Buffalo Cove Community and grow most of their food for freezing and canning. They are members of Blue Ridge EMC. Mrs. Ledford writes that, although she has a full-time job as a mother and housewife, she still likes to share and exchange recipes with her friends.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: Sharon Carver, Kitchen Corner, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C. Tell us something about yourself and family and give us the name of your electric membership corporation. We pay \$2 for the recipe chosen monthly for this column.

### CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mrs. Emerson A. Ledford, Route 5, Box 452, Lenoir, N. C.

#### CHERRY YUM YUM

3/4 cup sugar	2 cans cherry pie filling
2 packages dream whip	1 8 ounce package cream cheese
1 cup cold milk	3 cups graham cracker crumbs
	1 1/2 sticks margarine

Melt margarine and mix with graham cracker crumbs. Cover bottom of pan (8x14) with one-half of this mixture. Meanwhile, have dream whip and milk mixing. When whipped, add sugar and then cream cheese. Mix well. Pour one-half mixture over crumbs; then spoon both cans of cherry pie filling over cream. Top cherries with remaining half of whipped cream mixture. Then sprinkle remaining half of crumbs over pie for topping. (Strawberries, peaches, blueberries or pineapples can be substituted for the fruit filling. Mrs. Ledford writes that she has tried all of them, and that they are all delicious.)

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# HALE!

## Captive Audience

An old gentleman on a train asked a fellow passenger:

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"Yes," the other man answered.

With that the old gentleman turned to another passenger and asked: "Have you any grandchildren?"

"Yes," was the reply.

So he asked another: "Have you any grandchildren?"

"No," the other answered.

"Move over," said the old gentleman happily. "I want to tell you about my grandchildren."

## Dampened Gallantry

It was raining cats and dogs, but a gallant driver, seeing a woman alone in the mud trying to change a flat tire, couldn't bear passing her up. He completed the job for her and, soaked to the skin, said, "There little lady, that's done!"

The little lady held up a dripping finger and whispered, "Shh, you'll wake up my husband. He's taking a nap in the back seat."

## Penury Priority

After going through a thick stack of monthly bills, the young husband was down to the last two.

"Darling," he said, "we're almost broke. I don't know which bill to pay, the light bill or the doctor."

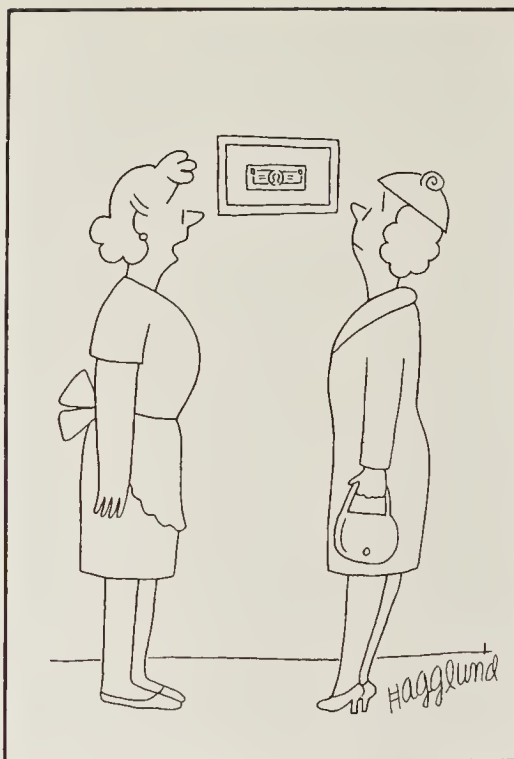
"Oh, pay the light bill," she answered promptly. "After all, the doctor can't shut off our blood."

## Child Psychologist

Two small boys, aged 7 and 4, were waiting in line at an ice cream stand. The little brother was announcing loudly: "I want vanilla. I want vanilla."

The supply of vanilla had given out. Interested parents stood by to see how the 7-year-old would handle such a crisis. Without flinching, he ordered two strawberry cones and handed one to his little brother.

"Here you are," he said briskly. "Pink vanilla."



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## Unabashed Logic

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## February's Secret

*Can you believe in February? Can you count*

*On a month that routs groundhogs out*

*To tell, as if groundhogs knew, how long*

*Winter has to stay? Or if there are Signs of spring so early?*

*As if a shadow could cost six weeks more*

*Of burrowing through sleet and snow*

*Until bare branches sprout fresh buds*

*And jonquils peep above the ground to see*

*If the japonica is budding yet. What does February know of spring?*

*And if it knew, Would the jonquils tell?*

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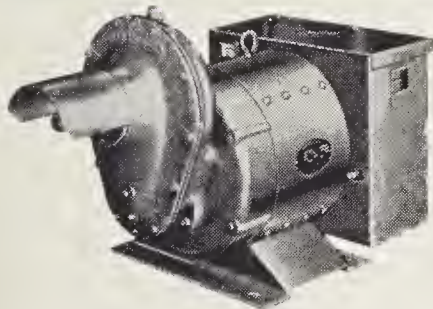
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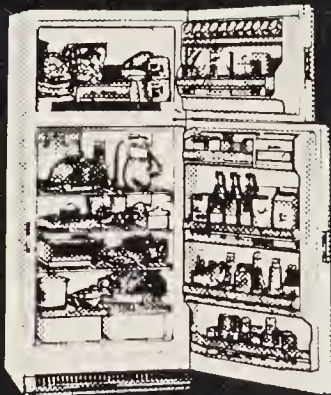
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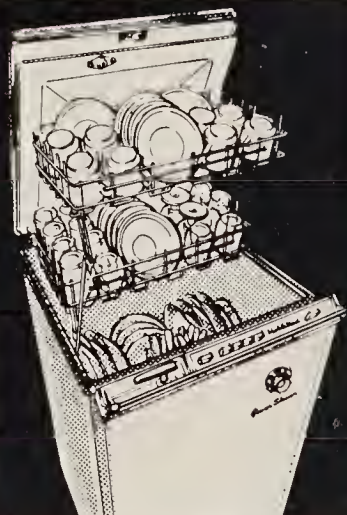


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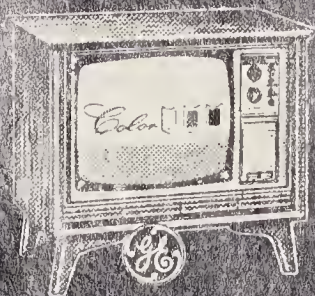
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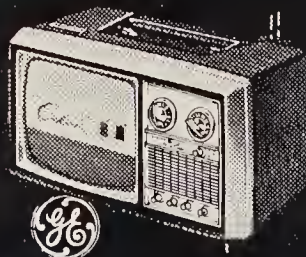


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